House Bill 335 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Parent of the 81st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, so as to change certain provisions relating to tax levies; to change certain provisions relating to elections; to change certain provisions relating to notice of candidacy; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act reincorporating the City of Doraville in the County of DeKalb, approved October 13, 1971 (Ga. L. 1971, Ex. Sess., p. 2154), as amended, is amended by revising Section 4.03 as follows:

"SECTION 4.03.

Tax levy.

Be it further enacted that the council shall be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax on all real and personal property within the corporate limits of the city for the purposes of raising revenues to defray the costs of operating the city government, providing governmental services, and for other public purposes as determined by the council in its discretion. The council is also authorized to provide for sufficient levy to pay principal and interest on general obligations. Said ad valorem tax levy, except such as may be made for bonded indebtedness, shall not exceed ten mills."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.01 as follows:

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Regular elections; time for holding and taking office.

Be it further enacted, that except as otherwise provided in this charter, the regular election for mayor and councilmen, or for councilmen as the case may be, shall be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year and terms shall be staggered as hereinafter provided. Runoff elections, if required, shall be held in accordance with O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-501 and any amendment thereto. Officials elected at any regular election shall take office on the first day of January next following such election.″

SECTION 3.

Said Act is further amended by revising Section 5.02 as follows:

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Notice of candidacy.

Be it further enacted that any person desiring to become a candidate in any regular election shall file written notice of his or her candidacy with the municipal superintendent pursuant to O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-132 and any amendment thereto. Each municipal superintendent shall designate the days of the qualifying period, which shall be no less than three days and no more than five days. The days of the qualifying period shall be consecutive days. Qualifying periods shall commence no earlier than 8:30 A.M. on the last Monday in August immediately preceding the general election and shall end no later than 4:30 P.M. on the following Friday; and, in the case of a special election, the municipal qualifying period shall commence no earlier than the date of the call and shall end no later than 25 days prior to the election. A qualifying fee of 3 percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year pursuant to O.C.G.A. Code Section 21-2-131 and any amendment thereto shall be paid by each candidate in a regular or special election at the time his or her notice of candidacy is filed.″

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.